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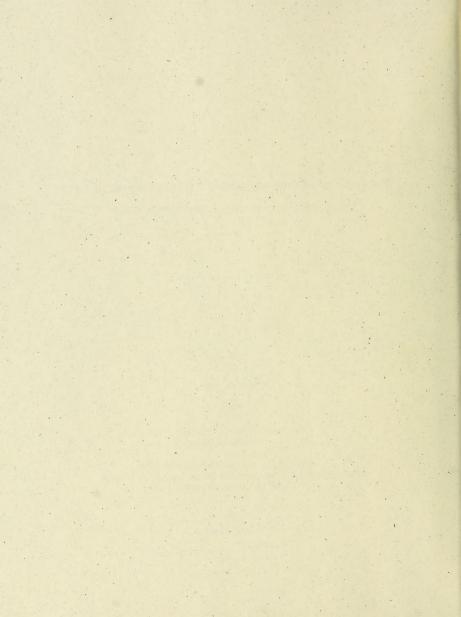


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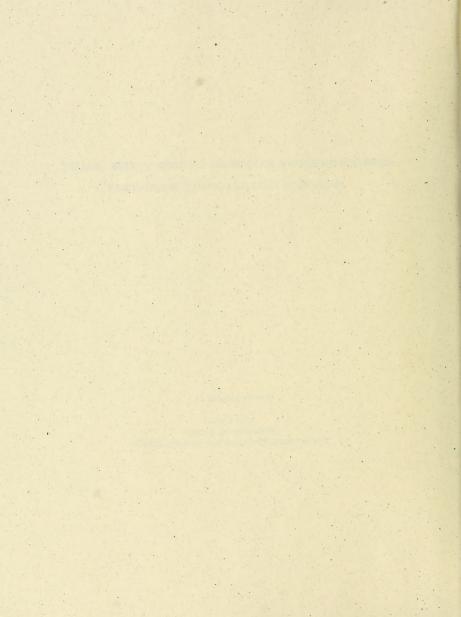
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PREFACE

Binbrook Reservoir was one of 12 southwestern Ontario lakes investigated by the Ontario Ministry of Environment and Energy (MOEE) as part of the Environmental Monitoring and Reporting Branch, Inland Lakes Program. The program was designed to monitor a selection of hardwater inland lakes with, or with the potential for, nuisance blue-green algae blooms and other water quality problems. Lakes were chosen in response to complaints regarding surface scums, algal blooms and seasonal hypolimnetic anoxia, received from organized public associations, MOEE regions and/or Conservation Authorities. Based on these surveys, several lakes were assessed as having a good potential to respond to experimental treatment programs.

Background limnological data were collected on Binbrook Reservoir during 1988 and 1989. This report was prepared to ensure that the water quality information was made available to those agencies and individuals expressing an interest in the findings, and to provide the technical basis for possible future water quality management initiatives.

ABSTRACT

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suggesting that phosphorus loads were runoff related and a result of agricultural practices in the Welland River watershed.

The reservoir experienced high spring nitrate levels with a linear seasonal nitrate depletion rate in both years of the study.

Periodically during stratification, the hypolimnion experienced anoxia. During these periods increases in hypolimnetic phosphorus, ammonium and manganese levels were observed, suggesting that sediment nutrient release was occurring. Euphotic zone TN:TP ratios peaked during mid-summer and fell through the second half of the season coinciding with reports of nitrogen fixing blue-green algal blooms in the late summer of each year.

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INTRODUCTION

Binbrook Reservoir, Glanbrook Township (43°6′ / 79°50′) was formerly known as Lake Niapenco (Figure 1). It was constructed in 1971 with the primary purpose of a storage reservoir providing downstream flood protection and augmenting low summer flows. Summer outflows were maintained at a constant minimum volume of 5 cfs (140 Litres/second). Outflow was near-bottom draw (2 metres off bottom), through a sixteen inch diameter pipe with electronically controlled valves, governed by reservoir head, through pressure sensitive transducers. Dam flow and drawdown specifics, rule curves and operational information during flood conditions are summarized in NPCA (1987). The Welland River is the primary inflow. Levels are lowered by approximately 4 m in the autumn of each year, to provide for storage of the following year's spring freshet. During the spring, lake levels rise to the design storage capacity of 5.551 x 10⁶ m³. As a multipurpose reservoir it is also intended to furnish a base for a water oriented conservation area and for the promotion of wildlife, recreation and education (NPCA 1978), and is operated by the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA).

The watershed (4,140 hectares) is relatively flat with low morainic ridges of relatively impervious clay till. Land use is primarily agricultural with large beef and dairy operations but the production of grains and hay is also popular. Some strip development occurs along major roads. 70% of household septic systems within the watershed failed to comply with regulations (Laidley 1991). Grey water bypassing was the primary reason for non-compliance. Additional watershed details and descriptions are available in Laidley (1988) and Laidley (1991).

The reservoir is divided into two segments by a weir at the western end of the lake which was built in 1981. The weir, constructed of earth fill, protected with rip-rap and cement, uses a gate valve controlling water flow to create a holding pond in the upper one-third of the reservoir. It contains an estimated 5.98 x 10⁵ m³ of water (1981 estimate) and was designed to provide a constant wetland area for staging waterfowl. This area remains

flooded throughout the year independant of main reservoir water levels. In its current design the upper wetland may also act as a partially effective sedimentation basin providing a limited form of water quality protection to the reservoir because of wetland nutrient uptake and the sedimentation characteristics of a holding basin (OMOE 1991). The lower reservoir contains virtually no macrophyte beds. The reservoir is surrounded by a 400 hectare park. Key reservoir physical data are provided in Table 1.

Trap net catches in 1992 conducted by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR, Bob Lewies, pers. comm.) resulted in a total of 14,181 fish caught of which 13,511 were crappie. Fish community estimates based on these numbers showed that the lake was dominated by Black Crappie (*Pomoxis nigromaculatus*) (95%), with lesser numbers of Carp (*Cyprinus carpio*) and Brown Bullhead (*Ictalurus nebulosus*) (1 to 3%). Higher levels of predatory sport fish such as Northern Pike (*Esox lucius*), Walleye (*Stizostedion vitreum*) and bass (*Micropterus* spp.) also inhabit the reservoir but were estimated to comprise less than 1% of the total fish population. Beneficial uses of the lake apart from sport fishing include an active autumn waterfowl hunting season, windsurfing and swimming.

Lake specific problems include turbid water resulting in poor water clarity, high nutrient loadings, hypolimnetic anoxia, blue-green algae forming nuisance blooms in the late summer, and beach closures due to high bacterial levels. Non-point source nutrient loadings and bacterial problems are currently being addressed under the auspices of the Binbrook Reservoir, Clean Up Rural Beaches (CURB) plan (Laidley 1991). This plan involves the principal remedial option of an ecosystem approach to sustainability through a rural land stewardship concept, thus managing the reservoir by attempting to control anthropogenic nutrient and bacterial sources. Public information programs, encouraging adoption of environmentally sound agricultural practices and the dissemination of information on proper land management are important components of the plan (Laidley 1988).

Declines in public use through the mid-1980s resulted in a series of measures initiated by the NPCA to try and revive public interest in the park. These included the construction and

installation of a chlorinated beach enclosure for swimming. During the first decade of operation, reservoir attendance regularly exceeded 70,000 visitors per summer (currently between 10,000 and 20,000). Aesthetic and health concerns because of elevated bacterial levels commencing in 1983, and blue-green algae blooms, were considered the main causes of the declines in attendance. This report provides a detailed water quality summary and assessment of the main reservoir and summarizes several potential management options.

METHODS

Water samples, biological samples and oxygen/temperature profiles were collected approximately bi-weekly between late April and mid-September during 1988 and 1989. Samples were collected from three sites (Figure 1); approximately 30 m from the morning glory spillway at the far east end of the lake (BR1), near the center of the lake at Trinity Church Road (BR2), and from moving water at the inflow to the reservoir, the Welland River at Tyneside Road (BR3).

Water clarity was determined with a Secchi disc. The Secchi disc is a 20 cm diameter steel plate suspended from a marked rope and is painted in alternating black and white quarters. The disc was lowered on the shaded side of the boat until it disappeared, then raised again until it reappeared. The average of these two depths was termed the Secchi disc depth.

Two weighted, narrow mouthed (2.5 cm) 1-litre glass bottles were lowered and raised through the euphotic zone (twice the Secchi disc depth), collecting a composite sample of the water column. The rate of descent and ascent was timed so that the bottles were completely filled just as they reached the surface. (Note: The calculated euphotic zone was limited to twice the Secchi disc depth to a maximum of 1 metre off bottom, so that at no time did euphotic zone samples include water from below 1 metre off bottom).

A 500 mL subsample was withdrawn into a separate bottle for chlorophyll analysis, which was stabilized with 2 mL of a 2% MgCO₃ suspension. A second 500 mL subsample for

metals analyses was preserved with 2 mL of concentrated nitric acid to prevent metals precipitation. A third subsample was preserved with Lugol's iodine for phytoplankton analyses and a fourth sample for nutrient chemistry was unpreserved. Samples were kept cool and delivered to the MOEE's laboratory the same day for analyses. Samples were refrigerated and generally analyzed within 48 hours of collection following standard procedures (OMOE 1981). A second set of samples was drawn from 1 meter off the bottom of the lake (1 MOB), using a 6 litre capacity PVC Van-Dorn bottle. 500 mL samples were withdrawn from the bottle for nutrient chemistry and metals analyses. Phytoplankton analyses were conducted on a recombined basis (the bi-weekly samples were pooled into a single representative April to October sample). Phytoplankton taxa were identified to the genus level according to Nicholls et al. (1977).

At station BR1 and BR2, oxygen and temperature measurements were taken at one metre intervals from the surface of the lake to the bottom, using a YSI 58 dissolved oxygen and temperature metre. The metre was calibrated against a standard hand held mercury thermometer for temperature accuracy, and calibrated against water samples of known oxygen concentration, determined by the micro-Azide modification of the Winkler technique. In addition, 60 mL Winkler samples from the lake surface and 1 MOB were taken to confirm the integrity of oxygen metre readings at these depths.

At station BR3 (Welland River inflow) samples were taken as grab samples from moving water. From this site, samples were collected for nutrient chemistry and metals analyses only.

Zooplankton samples were collected using a modified, metered Clarke-Bumpus net, with $80 \,\mu m$ mesh and a 15.5 cm mouth. The collection net was raised through a vertical column from 1 MOB to the surface with the net attached to collect the sample (A), and with the net removed (B), to determine net flow restriction. Efficiency was determined by the ratio A/B from the meter values of each haul. Net efficiency was used to adjust biomass and density counts. Zooplankton collections were analyzed according to Yan and Mackie (1987).

Biomass values are presented as dry weight. Sample enumeration was conducted as described in Girard and Reid (1990).

Periods of high and low runoff were estimated from the nearest Environment Canada water levels gauge on the lower Welland River in an adjacent watershed (Environment Canada). Stream gauging and levels monitoring were not however conducted on the inflow waters to Binbrook Reservoir.

Statistics

All correlations are Pearson product-moment, and significant at $\alpha = 0.01$ unless otherwise indicated. T-tests are significant at the $\alpha = 0.01$ level unless otherwise indicated. Stepwise linear regression was performed in a forward manner. Wilkinson (1990) was the computer software used for the majority of the statistical analyses.

RESULTS

Appendix A through Appendix E list data summaries by station and year and can be referred to for parameter specific means, standard deviations, minima and maxima. Appendix F lists selected raw water quality data for the euphotic zone stations and the Welland River inflow.

Oxygen and Temperature

Figures 2 to 5 graphically describe oxygen and temperature trends in Binbrook Reservoir during 1988 and 1989. At both stations temperatures reached their seasonal maximum in late July of the year. Maximum reservoir surface temperatures recorded, reached 26° C and were generally higher (usually by 1° C) at Station BR1 compared to station BR2. Stratified layers formed at the deeper station BR1 by late June in both years sampled, with a distinct hypolimnion visible by mid-July. Anoxic conditions were observed below 5.5 m throughout

July and August in 1988 and 1989. Oxygen levels below 4.5 m at station BR1 were generally unfavourable to fish by mid-summer in both years with levels less than 5.0 mg/L. Oxygen concentrations were higher in the bottom waters of station BR2, not falling below 5.0 mg/L in 1988, except during July of 1989 when oxygen levels temporarily fell to less than 2.0 mg/L. Wind mixing at this shallow station generally maintained destratified conditions.

Phosphorus

Soluble reactive phosphorus concentrations [SRP] peaked during the early season reaching levels as high as 32 μ g/L at BR2 but declined as the season progressed (Figure 6). Euphotic zone and 1 MOB [SRP] were highly correlated (r=0.830) at both sites except during the late summer of 1989, when at station BR1 bottom water concentrations exceeded euphotic zone levels (T-test, α =0.05), suggesting sediment nutrient release. Mean annual [SRP] at BR2 were approximately twice levels observed at BR1, ranging between 9 to 14 μ g/L and rarely fell below the detection limit. Increased autumn [SRP] at 1 MOB and in the euphotic zone were common at Station BR2 but not typical at Station BR1.

Seasonal total phosphorus concentrations [TP] displayed trends similar to the [SRP] trends at both stations (Figure 7) with the exception of a fall hypolimnetic increase at station BR1, which did not occur. T-tests showed no significant difference between euphotic zone and 1 MOB concentrations at BR1 but significantly higher 1 MOB levels were observed during both years at station BR2. Euphotic zone annual means were higher at BR2 averaging 65 μ g/L compared to 43 μ g/L at BR1.

[TP] and turbidity were significantly correlated (Table 2) in both the euphotic zone (r=0.813), and at 1 MOB (r=.947). A linear relationship combining 1 MOB and euphotic zone values (Figure 8a) allowed the prediction of [TP] from turbidity according to the model:

[TP] (mg/L)=0.013 (turbidity) + 0.0247
n=88, r=.890,
$$\alpha$$
=0.01

Reservoir levels of [TP] and [SRP] were also significantly correlated (r=0.885).

Phosphorus concentrations from the inflow (BR3) displayed mid-summer seasonal peaks surrounded by spring and fall minima (Figure 9). Annual inflow means however (272 and $196 \mu g/L$), were three to four times greater than reservoir levels.

Secchi Disc, Turbidity and Chlorophyll a

Mean annual Secchi disc visibility ranged between 0.39 m at station BR2 in 1988 to 0.64 m at station BR1 during 1989. Maximum visibility (1.7 m) occurred in August of 1989 at BR1 (Figure 10). A clear water phase was observed through July and early August of 1989 at station BR2.

Chlorophyll <u>a</u> concentrations displayed early summer minima and fall peaks at station BR1. At BR2 a late summer chlorophyll increase was evident by early July (Figure 10). Annual means were significantly higher in 1988 and reached 15.9 μ g/L at BR2 and 12.3 μ g/L at BR1.

A significant negative correlation between total chlorophyll \underline{a} and TN:TP ratios (r=-0.591) occurred, but the expected relationships between chlorophyll \underline{a} and [TP], [SRP] or Secchi disc were absent (Table 2).

Reservoir turbidity was consistently higher in the early season and station BR2 was generally more turbid compared to station BR1 (Figure 11). While no significant difference between euphotic zone and bottom turbidity was measured at station BR1 (1989 annual mean, 15.3 FTU), bottom waters at station BR2 experienced consistently higher turbidity compared to euphotic zone levels. An average annual euphotic zone mean of 40 FTU was measured.

The correlation between Secchi disc and total chlorophyll <u>a</u> was weak but significant $(r=-0.380, \alpha=0.05)$. There was no significant relationship between turbidity and

chlorophyll \underline{a} (Table 2). A strong correlation between Secchi disc visibility and turbidity was apparent (r=-0.672). This combination of relationships suggests that water clarity fluctuations were principally a result of non-algal turbidity.

An empirical relationship between Secchi disc and chlorophyll a was modelled to predict changes in transparency that could be expected from lower chlorophyll levels, but correlation was weak (Figure 8b). Only 17% of the Secchi depth variation was explained, and if the only extreme chlorophyll value was deleted, the regression was not significant. Therefore, water clarity relationships between turbidity levels and [TP] in Binbrook Reservoir were examined (Figure 8c and 8d) and explained 63% and 36% respectively, of the variation in Secchi depth according to:

- a) In Secchi disc(m) = -0.029 (turbidity) -0.15 n=44, r=0.793, α =0.01
- b) In Secchi disc(m) = -11.94 (TP mg/L) -0.102 n=45, r=0.596, α =0.01.

Forward stepwise linear regression from turbidity, chlorophyll <u>a</u>, [TP], and nitrogen levels resulted in a significant bivariate model. The equation explained just over 60% of the variation in Secchi disc measurements:

ln Secchi disc (m) = 0.005 · 0.167 ln (Turb.) · 0.055 ln (Chlorophyll a
$$\mu$$
g/L)
R²=.620, MSE=0.407, F=30.951, α =0.001

Introducing chlorophyll \underline{a} into the model, however, weakened the relationship (R^2 =.620 compared to R^2 =.630 for eq'n \underline{a}), further supporting the premise that non-algal turbidity was the principal factor determining water clarity in Binbrook Reservoir.

At station BR3 (Welland River inflow) turbidity levels were much higher than reservoir

levels and fluctuated widely through all seasons (Std dev. ± 39). Annual means between 78 and 98.9 FTU were measured. Turbidity that peaked at 200 FTU following a summer storm (Figure 11), was observed in 1989. During stagnant, low flow conditions, turbidity in the Welland River generally improved with levels as low as 2.4 FTU.

Nitrogen

Total nitrate concentrations were similar between sites and depths within years, but were higher in 1989 compared to 1988 levels. Spring maxima in 1989 were 1.8 mg/L at station BR2 and 1.4 mg/L at station BR1. Nitrate depletion rates in the euphotic zone and at 1 MOB were virtually identical in both years averaging 0.009 mg/L/day (Figure 12). Minimum nitrate levels neared the detection limit with levels as low as 0.04 mg/L by mid-August in 1988, but higher levels were present in the late summer of 1989 ranging between 0.15 and 0.20 mg/L.

Ammonium concentrations at both lake stations were significantly higher at 1 MOB compared to the euphotic zone (Figure 13). Mean annual 1 MOB concentrations were highest at BR1 during 1989 (0.170 mg/L). These were a result of late summer increases (Max. 0.384 mg/L), which occurred during periods of stratification and anoxic hypolimnia. Increases in euphotic zone levels were concurrent, but were less than 50% of 1 MOB concentrations. Distinct but weak thermal stratification (Figures 2 and 4) at this time implied that entrainment of nutrient rich bottom waters into surface waters was plausible explanation for the increases in the euphotic zone.

TN:TP ratios (Figure 14) varied seasonally across the reservoir reaching peak levels during mid-July of both years. TN:TP ratios fell to near or below 20:1 during late August of 1988 at both reservoir stations and at BR2 in 1989. Ratios were consistently higher at BR1 reaching 64:1 during 1989, with an annual mean of 45:1, compared to 26:1 at BR2.

Nitrogen levels from the inflow samples (Figure 15) did not show a consistent seasonal

pattern. Mid-summer nitrogen peaks were measured in 1988, but in 1989 concentration peaks occurred twice, once in late May and again in late July. A review of concurrent reservoir levels (D. Watson (NPCA), pers. comm.) and Welland River stream gauge measurements (Environment Canada) from the adjacent watershed indicated that higher flows/runoff likely occurred during these time frames. Increased flows and higher concentrations, a result of surface runoff from fertilized fields in the Welland River watershed may in part have combined with autochthonous sources to raise euphotic zone levels within the reservoir during the late season of 1989.

Conductivity and Chloride

Reservoir conductivity was higher in 1989 compared to 1988. Annual means in 1989 (567 to 565 μ mhos/cm) were approximately 80 μ mhos/cm greater than in 1988. At both reservoir stations no significant difference (t-test, α =0.0001) between conductance at 1 MOB and the euphotic zone was measured. Levels within years were slightly higher however at BR2 compared to BR1 particularly during the early season (Figure 16). This indicated the greater impact of high spring runoff volumes on water quality of the upstream portions of the reservoir. A trend to lower conductance was observed in the late summer of each year in response to the diluting effect of increased reservoir levels and sharp declines in the conductivity of the Welland River (Figure 16).

Mean annual chloride concentrations were higher in 1989 compared to 1988 increasing to 62.8 mg/L at station BR2 and 61.8 mg/L at station BR1. 1988 mean levels were 45.6 mg/L and 46.9 mg/L, respectively. Chloride concentrations were highly correlated to conductivity (r = 0.981) as were iron, manganese, magnesium, potassium and sodium levels (Table 2). These ions were used to develop an equation predicting reservoir conductivity from the dominant ions chloride and magnesium, using forward stepwise linear regression.

Conductivity (μ mhos/cm) = 176.887 + 4.375 Cl(mg/L) + 7.926 Mg(mg/L) R²=0.989, MSE=39029.36, F=901.393, α =0.001

Iron and Manganese

Iron levels [Fe] were slightly higher at station BR2 compared to BR1, particularly during the spring. The seasonal decline from spring peaks was gradual (Figure 17). Higher 1 MOB [Fe] during the late season, expected in response to anoxic bottom water levels, was not observed. Annual mean concentrations varied between 0.473 mg/L at station BR1 in 1989 to 1.362 mg/L at station BR2 in 1988.

Manganese [Mn] concentrations, however, did increase as a result of hypolimnetic anoxia or even low oxygen (<2.0 mg/L) conditions at both station BR2 and station BR1 (Figure 18). During even short periods of low oxygen concentrations (Figures 2 to 5), 1 MOB [Mn] exceeded euphotic zone levels clearly suggesting a drop in sediment redox levels and that other nutrient release was imminent. Recovery to lower [Mn] was observed following wind induced mixing, or fall turnover in late September. Seasonal Welland River trends are presented in Figure 19.

Calcium, Alkalinity, Hardness and pH

Seasonal euphotic zone trends are presented in Figure 20. No seasonally significant trends were observed except for pH which displayed a typical mid-summer rise normally associated with increased primary productivity during this season. Mean annual hardness levels were slightly higher in 1989 compared to 1988 described by an annual mean of 208 mg/L at station BR1.

Phytoplankton

Thirty-six genera, typical of eutrophic hardwater reservoirs were collected from euphotic zone samples during 1988 and 1989 (Table 3). During 1988 the dominant blue-green algae during late-summer and fall blooms were the nitrogen-fixing *Aphanizomenon* and *Anabaena*. At this time TN:TP ratios were below 20:1. In 1989 *Anabaena* remained dominant at station BR2, but *Lyngbya* was the only blue-green algae present in samples collected from BR1. Mean annual total biovolumes ranged between 0.630 mm³/L at station BR1 to 4.338 mm³/L at station BR2 (Figure 21).

Blue-green algae (Cyanophytes) developed nuisance late summer blooms in 1988 at both stations, BR1 and BR2, and comprised over 23% of the mean annual recombined algal assemblage. Blue-green dominance fell to 6% at station BR2 and 0.2% at BR1 in 1989. Nuisance blooms were not observed during site sampling in 1989, although reports of shoreline accumulations were made that year (Laidley, pers. comm.).

At station BR1 *Cryptomonas* was dominant, comprising up to 67% of the algal biovolume in 1989 and replaced the blue-green algae of 1988. Representation by the Chrysophytes primarily *Dinobryon* and *Mallomonas*, was also significant at 15%.

At station BR2, blue-green algal levels were lower in 1989 at only 6% of the algal community, compared to 23% in 1988. Cryptophytes clearly dominated the assemblage at BR2 with a peak of 75% (3.267 mm³/L) in 1989. This probably represented a massive *Cryptomonas* increase likely to have occurred during mid-July. Peak chlorophyll levels without a corresponding decline in water transparency suggest the *Cryptomonas* bloom occurred at this time (Figure 10). Turbid reservoirs are often dominated by cryptomonads (Cuker et al. 1990). High TN:TP ratios would likely have prevented the formation of the nitrogen fixing blue-green algae. Indications that the blue-green algae (6% of total biovolume) represented in the 1989 recombined sample were from a bloom which occurred

during the late season were low TN:TP ratios (near 20:1), high chlorophyll concentrations and a sharp decrease in Secchi disc visibility during late August (Figure 10).

Diatoms (Bacillariophytes) were not significant contributors to the algal assemblage comprising less than 5% of the algal community on an annual basis. Based on data from similar studies in southern Ontario, the diatom community was most likely to have peaked during the spring and or fall of the year (Gemza 1991, Vandermeulen and Gemza 1991). Reservoir silica levels, however, which fell to near detection limits during the summer of 1988 (Appendix F) indicate that diatom numbers were probably highest during the midsummer.

Zooplankton

Twenty-two zooplankton species were recorded during 1988 and 1989 from station BR1 and BR2 (Table 4). Zooplankton were summarized into four categories: Daphnid cladocerans, Non-daphnid cladocerans, Cyclopoid and Calanoid copepods.

Daphnia spp. were well represented and dominated the zooplankton community through most of the year. Daphnid biomass comprised 50% or more of the total zooplankton biomass during June and July (Figures 20 and 21) but was reduced by the end of July in 1988 to less than 50 mg/m³ (Figure 21). Daphnid biomass generally increased following the spring decline of non-daphnid cladocerans.

Non-daphnid cladoceran community composition was highest in the early May to mid-June period with reduced peaks in late summer (Figure 22) surrounding a mid-summer minimum when they comprised less than 5% of the biomass.

Calanoid copepods were more important during 1988, exhibiting a strong early season dominance at station BR1 (80%) and over 50% of the biomass at station BR2. In 1989 they

comprised less than 10% of the biomass except during a short period of time in early June of that year.

The predatory cyclopoid copepods were present throughout the year at both stations comprising up to 50% of the biomass, but were absent from the early part of 1988, when calanoid copepods were dominant. Cyclopoid biomass generally peaked with bosminid biomass. Correlation to non-daphnid cladoceran biomass was strong (r=0.755).

Bosmina longirostris populations typically peaked in the spring of the year with densities that exceeded 1 x 10⁶ m³ at station BR2 in 1988 (Figure 22). Daphnia galeata mendotae trends were less predictable. Peak levels in the early season and through June were observed in 1988, but mid to late summer peaks occurred in 1989. Diaptomus siciloides typically reached its population apex in mid to late June, while the dominant cyclopoid predator Mesocyclops edax did not reach its highest numbers until late summer and was even absent from collections during the first several collections of each year at station BR2. Daphnia parvula was absent from collections during 1988 and first appeared during the latter half of 1989.

Seasonal decreases in length were plotted for the dominant species (Figure 25). Consistent seasonal trends were observed for *D. siciloides*, and somewhat for *M. edax*, which was smaller in the late summer of each year. Declining lengths during the early summer of 1989 were observed for *Bosmina longirostris*. Close correlation with cyclopoid biomass (Table 2) and the presence of cyclopoids in the spring of 1989 suggest that cylopoid omnivory was probable, and that fish predation was likely a lesser influence. *Bosmina longirostris* is a well known prey of *M. edax*.

DISCUSSION

Mean annual [TP] and ammonium concentrations exceeding provincial guidelines; turbid waters and a seasonally anoxic hypolimnion were the principal conditions degrading the

beneficial uses of Binbrook Reservoir. Weak relationships between chlorophyll a and Secchi disc parameters, combined with significant correlations between turbidity and [TP], and Secchi disc, turbidity and [TP], indicate the importance of non-algal turbidity in governing Binbrook Reservoir water clarity, and indirectly, trophic state. The phenomenon is not unique and has been observed, principally in artificial reservoirs (Lind 1986). The problem of bacterial contamination limiting body-contact water recreation was described elsewhere (Laidley 1991).

Contributing factors to the late summer blue-green algal blooms (as reported by NPCA staff), appear to be declining TN:TP ratios (Smith 1986), sediment nutrient regeneration as a result of hypolimnetic anoxia (Syers et al. 1973, Moore et al. 1992) and high turbidity, which limited light penetration favouring surface bloom algae (Spencer and King 1987). The late season blue-green algal blooms and the resulting high levels of chlorophyll a likely resulted in the strong negative correlation between chlorophyll and TN:TP ratios. Seasonal nitrate reductions were strong and predictable. Although nitrate levels typically fall seasonally in response to reduced summer inputs (Vandermeulen and Gemza 1991, Gemza 1991), the nitrate depletion rate in Binbrook indicated that replenishment from inflowing waters was further reduced as a result of enhanced wetland nitrogen removal during the growing season (Rogers et al. 1991).

An anoxic hypolimnion was present during nutrient and metal concentration increases measured at 1 MOB. This indicated that the sediments could be a significant source of nutrients. The early signs of the onset of sediment nutrient release included regular periods of increased manganese concentrations which occur at a much higher redox level compared to those for iron, phosphorus and ammonium (Moore et al. 1991). So while [TP] increases were observed only during longer periods of stratification, the potential for a more frequent and prolonged release is present. Higher 1 MOB manganese concentrations were observed regularly during periods of stratification and anoxia.

While erosion control was not overlooked in the Binbrook CURB plan (Laidley 1991), it placed a "low priority" on controlling sediment erosion to the reservoir, probably because its primary mandate was to control bacterial contamination. Evidence from this report, however, clearly identified that water clarity, SRP concentrations and TP concentrations were dependent on turbidity levels. The principal sources of the turbidity appear to be nutrient rich (clay) particulates from agricultural runoff in the watershed. Phosphorus adsorption to soil particles and hence transport have been observed (Holtan et al. 1988) and may play an important role in Binbrook reservoir. Clay particles also serve as substrate and vectors for microbial transportation. As a result, measures to reduce turbidity and phosphorus will likely reduce bacterial levels as well (OMOE 1991). Laidley (1991) summarizes some of the measures used to protect rivers and streams, as applied to the Binbrook situation. These include improved manure storage and manure spreading techniques, vegetated buffer zones for riparian zone enhancement, woodlot management, and limiting cattle access to river-beds through improved fencing, as well as septic system rehabilitation.

No-Till Drill

The no-till drill is an important innovation in tillage practice and is gaining popularity in rural Ontario. Through Land Stewardship II, an Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food program, no-till drill demonstrations are underway across the province. Limnological studies comparing rivers in no-till drill soil plots to standard agricultural practice plots showed that the no-till drill conservation technique effectively reduced particulate phosphorus loads (Logan 1982) to the receiving stream. Oloya and Logan (1980) also described the mechanisms and extent to which particulate phosphorus entered lentic systems in rural areas.

In deeper lakes control of dissolved phosphorus may be a higher priority but in shallow reservoirs like Binbrook (where stratification is weak), particulate phosphorus is of greater concern since sediment resuspension by wind and wave action, bioturbation and microfaunal effects will more readily release this form of P, during the growing season (Syers et al. 1973). Some reduction in particulate phosphorus loads may result from the no-till drill technique.

The Binbrook Wetland

Decreases in concentrations for all key water quality indicator parameters were observed between the inflow and station BR2 just downstream from the wetland area. Continuing sedimentation was observed at BR2 as evidenced by differences in turbidity between surface and bottom waters at this site. This indicates that additional sedimentation upstream of the constructed weir could occur if retention time was increased. Wind-mixing and bottom water draw at station BR1 appear to have had a positive effect preventing the build-up of sedimented particulates at that site, consequently differences in turbidity levels there were negligible.

A wetland's ability to reduce nutrient levels from inflowing waters to reservoirs is well documented (OMOE 1991). Wetlands have been shown to reduce solids levels by 97% and total phosphorus by 50 to 80% (Carlisle and Mulamoottil 1991). The abilities of wetlands to remove nitrogen as well as phosphorus are also well known (Rogers et al. 1991). In a similar situation, but for the control of urban as opposed to agricultural runoff, wetlands are presently being constructed in Kitchener, Ontario and have proven successful in other southern Ontario demonstrations (Herskowitz 1986). The application of the technology to the two situations is similar.

Because the Binbrook Reservoir wetland was not designed for water quality improvements, additional benefits to the reservoir could be expected by enhancing the nutrient removal design specifics, and maintaining the water course through the wetland with additional plantings and substrate alterations for emergent macrophytes. Retrofitting existing wetlands to significantly improve reductions in nutrient and sediment loads downstream, while

maintaining the initial benefits (protection of waterfowl habitat) for which they were principally designed have been previously achieved (Lathrop 1982, OMOE 1991).

From a nutrient control standpoint, the current wetland appears flawed in several areas. Examination of aerial photos shows a wide river down the center of the wetland. A central stream like this allows a good portion of the flow to enter the reservoir directly without wetland residence time. Intercepting the flow and directing it through managed channels into smaller subwetlands could increase plant contact, improve sedimentation and promote microbial activity. OMOE (1991) and Taylor (1992) describe design options which can achieve this goal. Additionally, small islands could be constructed in the middle of the wetland stream to direct flow and sediment laterally (Carlisle and Mulamoottil 1991).

The construction of the weir across the bottom of the reservoir formed a partially effective sedimentation basin which may have initially enhanced the sediment/nutrient containment features of the wetland. The wetland was estimated to contain 485 acre-feet of storage when it was built. It was likely effective in this respect during the first 2-3 years following construction. High sediment loads, however, appear to have quickly displaced its storage capacity. High early season colour levels in the reservoir suggest that the wetland is being flushed prior to the growing season. This process also releases nutrients to the reservoir (Graneli and Solander 1988) and could be elevating reservoir [TP] beyond the contribution from an already high inflow concentration. Nutrients are also contributed to the wetlands by waterfowl. This wetland experiences dense waterfowl populations during the low runoff, autumn period. A large proportion of this phosphorus is expected to remain in the wetland, since plant uptake would not occur in the post-growing season and flushing is low during this time.

Sedimentation basins serving as the primary stage intercepting inflow in front of the wetland, have had positive results by eliminating coarser particles (Lathrop 1982, OMOE 1991), and limiting early season flushing. Evidence from urban stormwater reservoirs which utilized sedimentation basins in their designs, indicated that up to 97% of annual phosphorus and

sediment loads could be contained within the basin (Gemza 1991, OMOE 1991). The predominant soil type in this area, however (clay), is particularly difficult to control by sedimentation because of slow sedimenting velocities. Sedimentation basin effectiveness is reduced with these types of soils, because clay particles are light and have slow settling velocities of approximately 0.012 m/hr (Lathrop 1982). Under these conditions a clay particle would need 100 hours to settle from the top metre of the water column, under calm conditions. Sedimentation basins have been most effective in urban environments where the predominant particle is sand, with settling velocities as high 12 m/hr. As a result, a sedimentation basin alone would have limited success at Binbrook but could serve as an important primary stage in treatment.

Destratification

Complete anoxia or low oxygen concentrations were regularly observed in the deeper waters of the reservoir. Under these conditions the release of sediment bound nutrients and metals are well documented (Syers et al. 1973). Destratification has been shown to reduce or eliminate this release (Lorenzen and Mitchell 1975), maintain fish habitat and improve impoundment and consequently after release, downstream water quality. A variety of techniques have been developed to induce destratification, and selection must be based on a number of governing factors including site layout, electrical power availability, existing equipment, and maintenance considerations. Techniques include aeration using rising columns of bubbles from diffusers mounted on the lake bottoms powered by on-shore air compressors, mechanical devices such as axial flow pumps (Strecker et al. 1977) and jet nozzles inducing a turbulent mixture of air and water through the water column (Stefan and Gu 1991). The latter technique also enhances oxygen transfer into the water directly during application, and during the rising phase of the bubble plume, while the other two techniques rely on oxygen transfer at the water surface only, when direct contact with the atmosphere occurs.

Axial flow pumps are generally more efficient, utilizing motors of lower horsepower to move equivalent volumes of water (Irwin et al. 1969). Combined with high iron concentrations, correlation between iron, phosphorus and turbidity levels, and evidence for the sedimentation of these particles to the lake bottom, prevention of nutrient release by maintaining aerobic conditions at the sediment-water interface is promising. One of the principal reasons for failure of destratification systems in controlling nutrient feedback has been underestimating the sediment ratio of iron:phosphorus, and therefore the phosphorus binding capacity of the sediment. In lakes of low sediment iron, control of phosphorus release by maintaining an oxidized sediment-water interface is less likely to be successful (Jensen et al. 1992).

Zooplankton and the Food Web

The dominance of daphnid species in the zooplankton community of Binbrook reservoir is unusual considering the high proportion of black crappie in the fish community. In recent crappie invasions of southern Georgian Bay (Gemza 1994), Daphnid populations were depressed and seasonal length decreases were observed, as a result of selective predation by the crappie population. As a result, small bodied cladocerans such as *B. longirostris* and predatory cyclopoid invertebrates dominated, and large herbivorous invertebrates were small contributors to the zooplankton population. This is not the case in Binbrook Reservoir where the *Daphnia* retained 50% or more of the population dominance throughout the summer, during which predation by young of the year crappie would have been most intense. In Binbrook reservoir, only large zooplankters like the calanoid *D. siciloides* and to some extent *M. edax* displayed the expected reduction of length and density due to size selective predation pressures.

Tessier (1986) described a dark hypolimnetic refuge reducing predator effectiveness. Diurnal, vertically migrating zooplankters were thus always provided with a constant dark "envelope" where visibility, hence predator success was decreased. A similar effect could be occurring in turbid southern Ontario reservoirs where predator visibility is limited by

Secchi depths less than 1 metre and often closer to 0.5 metres or less. Without visibility the crappie is unable to effectively select for the larger organisms, and relies on random prey encounter. Although a clear statistical evaluation of this proposed phenomenon cannot be made from this limited assessment, minimum zooplankton lengths were observed to occur at the same time as clear water phases were measured (for example, mid-August at station BR1 during 1989).

Food web manipulations which introduced large piscivores into lakes to control zooplanktivores which in turn limited predation on the zooplankton and allowed their numbers to increase resulted in the control of algal levels (Kitchell and Carpenter 1988). because the algae were no longer preyed on by zooplankton. The zooplankton of Binbrook Reservoir however, do not appear stressed by top down effects at this time. Daphnid biomass and percent community dominance exceeding 50%, suggests that food web manipulation at this time would have limited success. Should water clarity increase as a result of wetland enhancement and improved watershed management, zooplankton may become more susceptible to predation and control of the crappie population would then be recommended. As well, a large scale predator transplant involving pike and or walleve. may not be successful at this time because of siltation over spawning beds preventing walleye hatches. Walleye require rocky shoals for spawning which are being covered by clay silt at this time, and are possibly dried out because of fluctuating water levels as a result of winter drawdown, and pike require macrophyte habitat, which is absent from the reservoir. Increased water clarity however, could result in increased macrophyte densities because shading under turbid conditions tends to limit macrophyte growth. This would allow pike an improved chance of success.

The restoration of Binbrook reservoir will require a multi-facetted ecosystem oriented approach:

 The primary goal should focus on reducing erosion and runoff to the Welland River and improving land management and agricultural practices. This is already underway through the Binbrook CURB plan.

- Artificial destratification should reduce sediment nutrient feedback by eliminating anoxic conditions, and enhance fish habitat. Destratification will not, however, reduce turbidity.
- 3) Enhancing wetland design should improve its nutrient removal and sediment containment features. Combining it with a sedimentation basin should further improve its treatment capabilities. Effectiveness during the spring runoff period might be limited, however, because plant growth is seasonal, and residence time in the basin would be short during periods of high flows, unless sedimentation basin size was designed for this specific control aspect. Good control would be expected during the summer (recreational) season.
- 4) If water clarity is improved, size selective predation by the crappie population will likely be enhanced, depressing the large bodied zooplankton. Macrophyte densities should also increase. Preparations for increasing the numbers of top predator species should be made to control crappie numbers. A popularized crappie fish harvesting program should be promoted in the interim, if sport fish contaminant levels (currently being examined at MOEE laboratories) are acceptable.

NOTE:

The assessment of reduced nutrient impacts on the trophic state of the reservoir is made difficult because of a lack of flow data for the study period. Calculations of flow based on estimating changes in volume from rule curves of reservoir levels/volume could not be accurately accomplished, consequently the net loadings of nutrients were not determined. There is an absence of any flow measurements even upstream of the reservoir. In order to properly address any design changes to the wetland or sedimentation basin, a detailed knowledge of seasonal flow characteristics is required. With a potential summer seasonal

income of just under \$500,000 based on 70,000 to 80,000 visitors as indicated in Laidley (1988), stream gauging the Welland River as it enters the reservoir should be conducted to quantify success of the CURB in nutrient loading reductions and the future planning of remedial efforts.

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Table 1 Lake physical data and dam specifics.

Normal Reservoir Area	175 hectares
Reservoir area at emergency spillway	227 hectares
Maximum summer depth	8.7 metres
Mean summer depth	3.2 metres
Reservoir length	5.6 km
Average summer width	305 metres
Watershed area	4168 Hectares
Summer storage volume	5.551 x 10 ⁴ m ³ (4,500 acre feet)
Wetland (1981 estimate) storage volume	5.98 x 10 ⁵ m ³ (485 acre feet)
Winter storage volume	1.26 x 10 ⁶ m ³ (1,020 acre feet)
Maximum storage volume at emergency spillway	6.982 x 10 ⁶ m ³ (5,660 acre feet)
Ratio of lake volume : Estimated wetland volume (1981)	9.3:1
Controlled outflow rate during summer	141.5 litres/sec 5 cubic feet/sec.

Table 2 Matrices of Pearson, product-moment correlation coefficients related to water clarity (2a), conductivity (2b) and zooplankton (2c). (α =0.01, * not signif.).

2a) ·	Chlor a total	Fe	Secchi disc	TN:TP ratio	TP	Turbid	SRP
Chlor <u>a</u> total	1.0						
Fe	*0.347	1.0					
Secchi disc	*380	-0.585	1.0				
TN:TP	-0.591	-0.545	0.377	1.0			
TP	*0.281	0.767	-0.483	-0.644	1.0		
Turbid	*0.268	0.815	-0.672	-0.603	0.813	1.0	
SRP	*0.157	0.733	-0.480	-0.499	0.885	0.787	1.0

2b)	Fe'	Cl	Cond	К	Mg	Mn	Na
Fe	1.0 .						
Cl	-0.422	1.0					
Cond	-0.434	0.981	1.0				
K	-0.046	0.671	0.642	1.0			
Mg	-0.484	0.652	0.735	*0.213	1.0		
Mn	*0.277	*157	*147	*0.163	*142	1.0	
Na	-0.399	0.874	0.863	0.588	0.541	*105	1.0

2c).	Calcop	Суссор	DC	NDC	TZB	TP	Chlor <u>a</u> total
Calcop	1.0						
Суссор	*104	1.0					
DC .	0.628	*042	1.0				
NDC	*0.004	0.795	*082	1.0			
TZB	*0.278	0.827	*0.299	0.909	1.0		
TP	*0.078	0.595	*192	0.632	0.571	1.0	
Chloro	*0.249	*0.262	*089	*0.090	0.147	*0.281	1.0

Calanoid copeped (Calcop), Cyclopoid copeped (Cyccop), Daphnid cladoceran (DC), Non-daphnid cladoceran (NDC), Total zooplankton biomass (TZB), Total phosphorus (TP)

CYANOPHYTES

Anabaena *

Aphanizomenon *

Coelosphaerium

Lvngbva *

Oscillatoria

DINOPHYTES

Ceratium *
Peridinium *

CRYPTOPHYTES

Cryptomonas *

Katablepharis Rhodomonas

EUGLENOPHYTES

Euglena

Phacus
Trachelomonas *

CHRYSOPHYTES

Chromulina ericensis

Chrysochromulina parva

Dinobryon *

Mallomonas *

Synura

CHLOROPHYTES

Botryococcus *

Chlamydomonas *

Closterium

Gloeocystis *

Monoraphidium

Oocystis *
Pediastrum *

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Quadrigula

Scenedesmus

Schroederia

Staurastrum

BACILLARIOPHYTES

Asterionella *

Cyclotella *

Melosira *

Nitzschia *

Stephanodiscus .

Synedra

Daphnid cladocerans

Daphnia parvula

D. galeata mendotae

D. retrocurva

D. pulex

D. ambigua

Non-daphnid cladocerans

Bosmina longirostris Ceriodaphnia quadrangula Ceriodaphnia lacustris

Chydorus sphaericus

Diaphanosoma birgei

Eubosmina coregoni

Calanoid copepods

Calanoid copepodid

Diaptomus ashlandi

D. siciloides

D. minutus

D. sanguineus

D. oregonensis Epischura lacustris

Cyclopoid copepods

Cyclopoid nauplii

Cyclopoid copepodid

Cyclops vernalis

Cyclops bicuspidatus thomasi

Mesocyclops edax

Orthocyclops modestus

Tropocyclops prasinus mexicanus

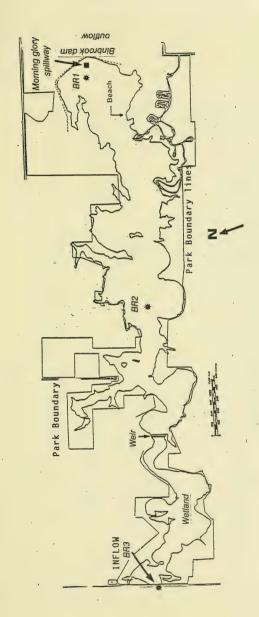


Figure 1: Map of Binbrook Reservoir indicating sampling locations.

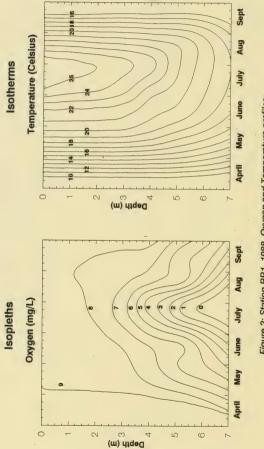


Figure 2: Station BR1, 1988. Oxygen and Temperature profiles from Binbrook Reservoir

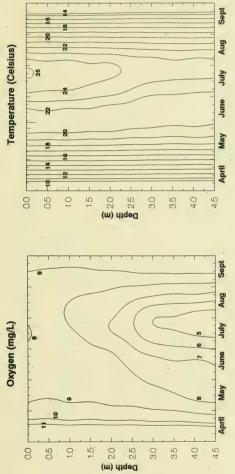


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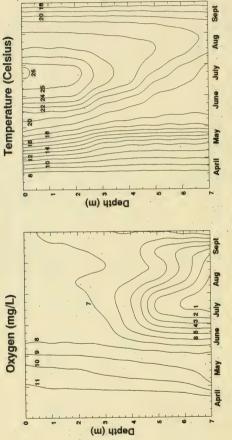


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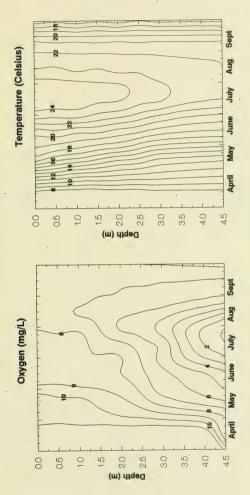


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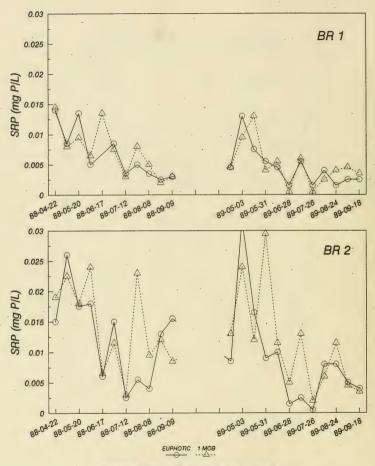


Figure 6: Soluble reactive phosphorus concentration trends during 1988 and 1989.

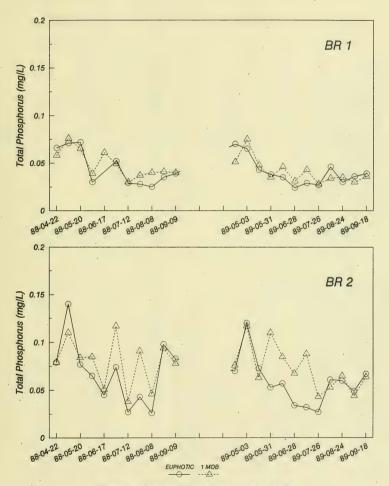
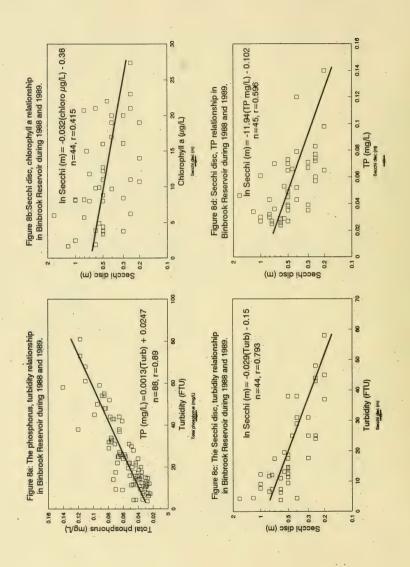
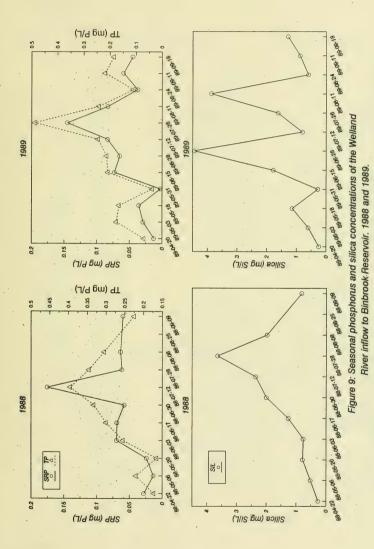


Figure 7: Seasonal total phosphorus trends In Binbrook Reservoir during 1988 and 1989.





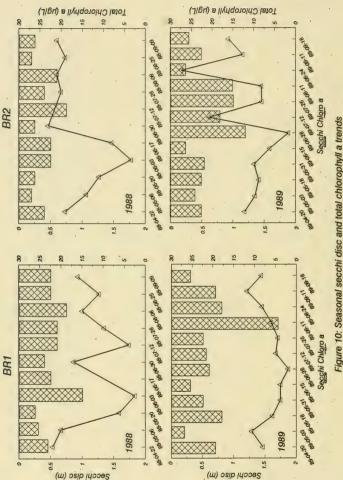


Figure 10: Seasonal secchi disc and total chlorophyll a trends in Binbrook Reservoir. 1988 and 1989.

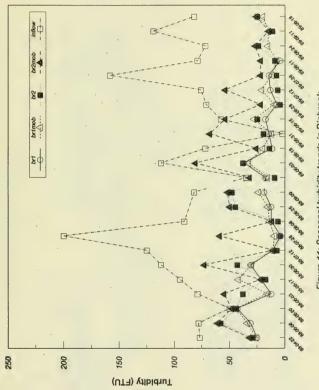
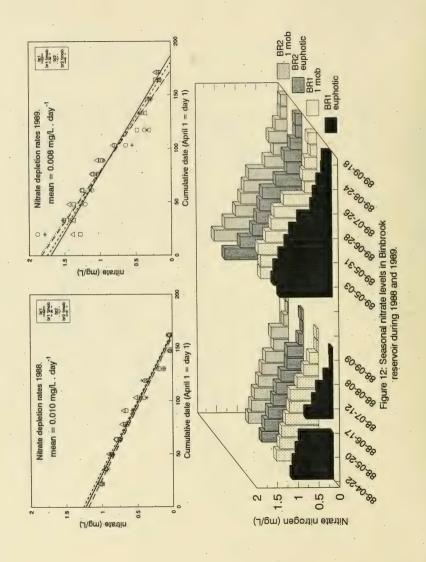


Figure 11: Seasonal turbidity trends in Binbrook



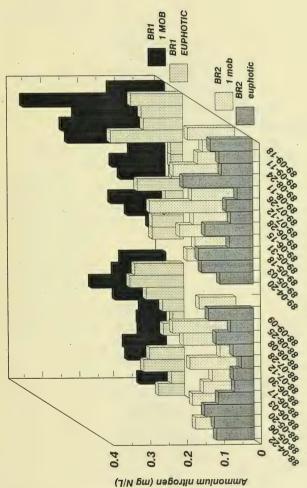
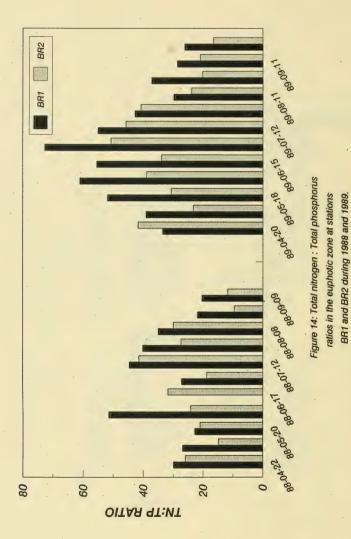


Figure 13: Seasonal ammonium levels in Binbrook Reservoir during 1988 and 1989.



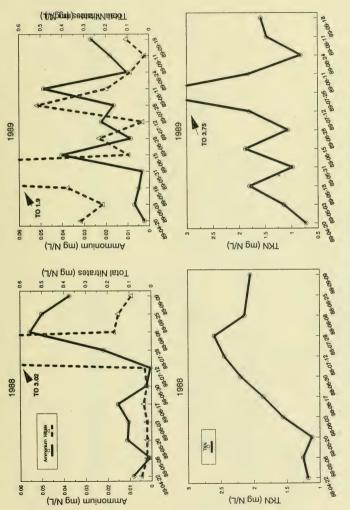
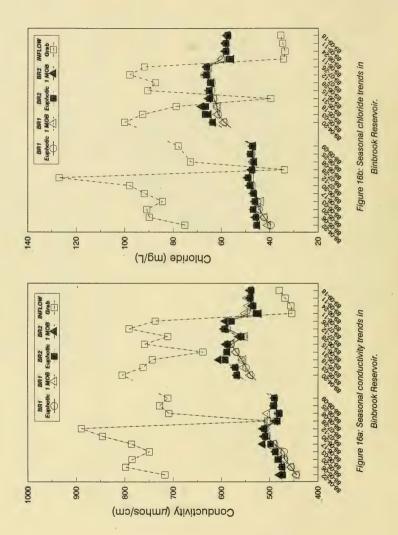


Figure 15: Seasonal nitrogen characteristics of the Welland River inflow at Binbrook Reservoir during 1988 and 1989.



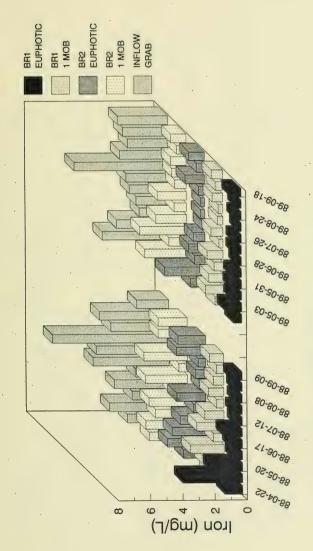


Figure 17: Seasonal iron concentrations in Binbrook Reservoir during 1988 and 1989.

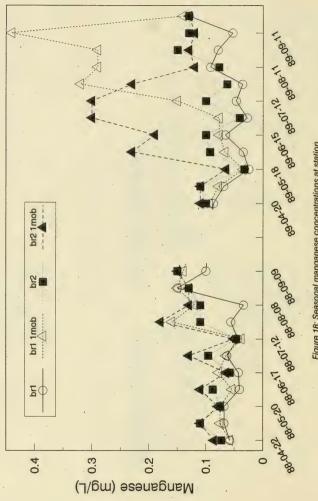
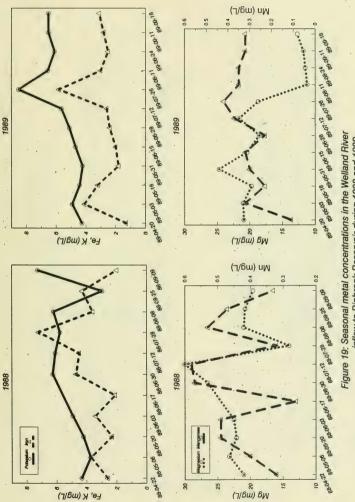


Figure 18: Seasonal manganese concentrations at station BR1 and BR2 during 1988 and 1989.



inflow to Binbrook Reservoir during 1988 and 1989.

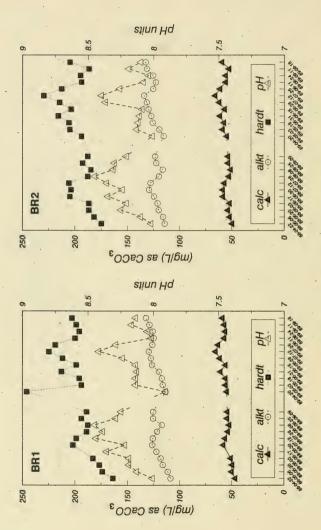


Figure 20: Seasonal euphotic zone calcium, alkalinity, hardness and pH trends from Station's BR1 and BR2 in Binbrook Reservoir during 1988 and 1989.

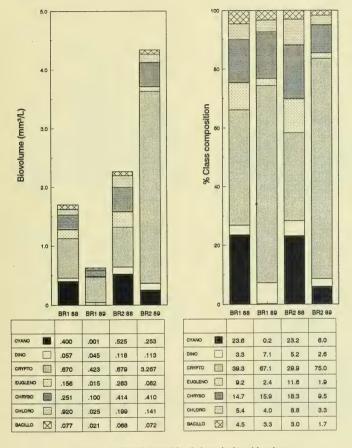


Figure 21: Annual recombined phytoplankton biovolume from 1988 and 1989 at Station BR1 and BR2.

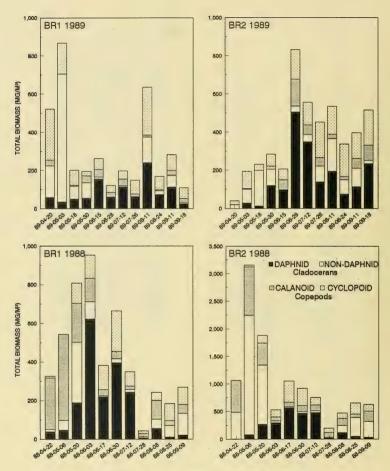


Figure 22: Temporal zooplankton succession at stations BR1 and BR2 during 1988 and 1989.

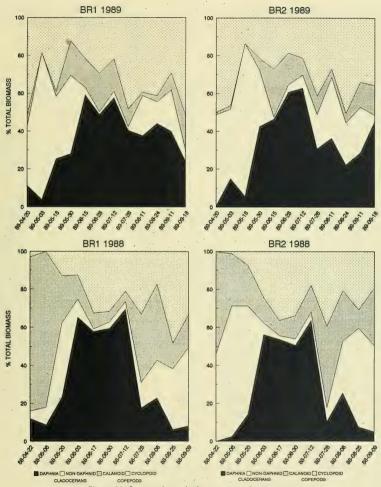
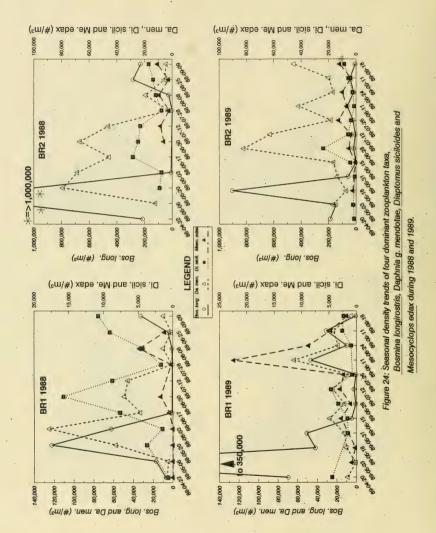
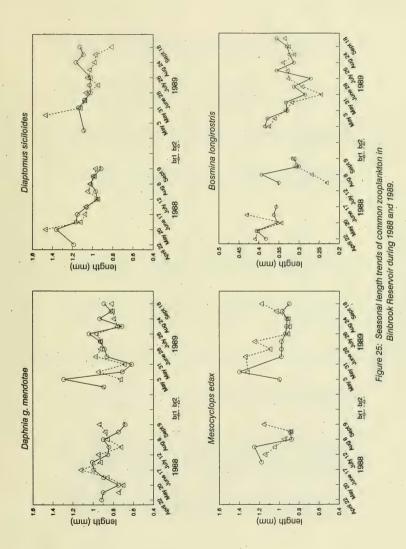


Figure 23: Seasonal zooplankton community structure as a % of total zooplankton biomass. 1988 and 1989.





Appendix A:1988 ice-free season euphotic zone data summary from station BR1 and BR2.

	Max 0.750 129.400	19.000	2.700	48.900	511,000	6.500	2:400	206.000	15.300	0.150	0.134	1.020	2.080	0.038	1.130	8,450	0.026	0.140	0.780	61.380	0.000	
	Min 0.200 114.400	2.000	0.100	45.400	473.000	2,600	0.350	175.000	12.200	0.047	0.034	0.020	0.780	0.011	0.660	8,020	0.003	0.026	0.080	56.400	0.000	
1988 Station BR2	0.173 4.607	6.304	0.894	1.028	12.054	0.246		9.615	0.835	0.029	0.965	0.341	0.411	0.007	0.133	0,115	0.007	0.032	0.202	1,701	0.002	
	Mean 0.391 121.482	12.344	0.950	46.964	489.273	5.845	1.362	190.909	13.482	0.095	0.084	0.525	1.376	0.026	0.851	. 8,255	0.013	0.069	0.418	59.166	0.003	
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	Max 1.000 126.300	18.000	4,700	48.900	508.000	6.300	3.700	202.000	14.100	0.150	0.146	0.995	1.975	0.047	0.980	8.450	0.014	0.072	0.620	62.810	0.010	
	Min 0.250 108.800	1.600	0.100	39.500	445.000	5.500	0.390	164.000	11.400	0.034	0.030	0.035	20.385	0.010	0.690	8,010	0.003	0.025	0.100	53.200	0.001	
1988 Station BR1	0.199 5.747	3.285 5.680	1.555	2.727	18,995	0.248	0.949	11.086	0.837	0.032	0.038	0.349	0.419	0.010	0.092	0.130	0.004	0.018	0.163	2.990	0.003	
:	Mean 0.532 119.927	52.740 10.314	0.957	45.610	481.545	5.720	1,029	185.900	13.100	0.066	0.083	0.536	1.334	0.025	0.798	8.265	0.007	0.045	0.368	58.129	0.0040	
	(m) (mg/L)	(mg/L) (ug/L)	(1/6r/)	(mg/L) (mg/L)	(ma/o/cm)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)		(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	
	Secchi	Chirac	Chirbt	Color	Conduct	DOC	Fe	Hard	Mg	Mn	Na NH3	NO3+NO2	N N	NO2	TKN	H	SRP	E E	Silica	Sulphate	Zu	

Appendix B:1989 ice—free season euphotic zone data summary from station BR1, and BR2.

	1.200 134.200	27.400	66.800	593.000 31.000 7.200	2.500	230.000	15.900	0.150	0.188	1.880	50.735	0.042	8.400	0:032	0.120	66.680	38.000	0.007
	Min 0.250 115.500	0.800	56.900	528.000 26.800 6.200	0.160	187.000	13,000	0.033	0.042	0.155	16,493	0.017	8.010	0.001	0.027	55.010	4.500	0.001
1989 Station BR2	STD 0.306 5.352	5.810	3.807	1.292	0.608	11.462	0.842	3.935	0.041	0.536	10.838	0.007	0.119	0.008	0.023	4.318	9.692	0.002
· ; , , (2)	Mean 0.604 126.925	8.800 11.808	62.833 16.417	564.833 29.267 6.625	0.788	205.333	14.250	33.925	0.102	0.813	32.255	0.029	8.158	0.009	0.059	60.903	16.192	0.003
	1.700 132.400	8.700	67.200	30.800	0.970	246.000	14.800	0.130	0.196	1.420	72.708	0.030	8.420	0.013	0.070	65.760	37.000	0.004
	0.200 113.500	2.100	0.400 57.700 8.500	26.400	0,180	194.000	13.200	0.025	0.030	. 0.190	1.020	0.017	7.910	0.005	0.024	57.000	4.300	0.001
1989 Station BR1	0.371 5.717	1.962	3.095	17.974	0.206	14.796	0.543	3,173	0.049	0.453	0.542	0.004	0.125	0.003	0.014	3.121	8.721	0.001
	0.638 124.117	4.533	0.864 61.767 13.833	556.667 28.700 6.342	0.473	208.500	13.828	0.062	0.087	0.818	1.701	0.024	8.149	0.005	0.040	61.944	15.300	0.002
	(m) (mg/L)	(mg/L) (mg/L) (mg/L)	(µg/L) (mg/L) (mg/l)	(umho/cm) (mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L) (ma/L)	(ma/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L) (mg/L)		(mg/L)
	Secchi	Chirat Chirat	Chlirbt	Conduct	Fe	Hard	Mg	Mn	NH3	NO3+NO2	d F N N N	NO2	N H	SRP	TP.	Sulphate	Turb	Zu

Appendix C:1988 ice—free season data summary from 1 meter off bottom samples at station BR1 and BR2,

	Max	129.600	58.800	49.200	18.500	514.000	30.000	009'9	2.700	204.000	8.340	5,410	14.100	0.180	27.100	0.172	0.990	0.036	1.150	2.040	29.079	0.024	0.117	0.760	62.000	73.000	0.010
	Min	116.000	20.300	45.000	8.000	474.000	25.800	5.600	0.530	179.000	7.980	4.840	12.400	0.051	24.100	0.044	0.020	0.010	0.740	0.890	9.468	0.003	0.038	0.100	26.000	10.900	0.003
1988 Station BR2	STD	4.616	2.659	1.124	3.701	13.951	1.359	0.284	0.778	8.316	0.099	0.182	0.587	0.037	0.981	0.037	0.330	900.0	0.116	0.380	6.223	200'0	0.024	0.203	1.954	19.888	0.002
	Mean	121.991	54.191	46.945	12.727	491.909	27.545	5.845	1.851	190.545	8.202	5.061	13.345	0.111	25.364	0.101	0.518	0.025	0.891	1.409	19.053	0.014	0.079	0.436	59.330	43.145	900'0
	Max	130.500	28.600	47.800	18.000	510.000	29.600	6.200	2.100	205.000	8.310	5.130	14.100	0.160	26.900	0.202	1.020	0.046	0.960	1.980	41.795	0.015	0.076	0.640	61.250	44.000	0.011
	Min	108.800	46.500	40.700	8.500	444.000	24.400	5.300	0.460	163.000	7.990	4.770	11.300	0.038	21.600	0.036	0.035	0.010	0.700	0.775	18.902	0.002	0.030	0.060	53.200	9.400	0.002
	STD	6.985	3.570	2.400	3.285	20.671	1,795	0.235	0.489	12.336	0.105	0.099	0.902	0.041	1.671	0.044	0.341	0.011	0.073	0.394	7.229	0.004	0.014	0.164	2.458	11.664	0.003
1988 Station BR1	Mean	122.236	53.791	45.664	11.727	485.727	27.600	5.609	1,035	189.000	8.152	4.926	13.209	0.092	24.873	0.104	0.564	0.023	0.800	1.364	28.623	0.007	0.049	0.376	58.008	24.118	0.005
		(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(ma/L)	(ma/L)	(umho/cm)	(ma/l.)	(ma/L)	(ma/L)	(ma/L))	(ma/L)	(ma/L)	(ma/L)	(ma/L)	(ma/L)	2(mg/L)	(ma/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)		(ma/l)	(ma/L)	(ma/L)	(mg/L)	, P	(mg/L)
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Appendix D:1989 ice—free season data summary from 1 meter off bottom samples at station BR1 and BR2.

	Max 136.400	67.200	68.300	24.000	605.000	31.800	7.100	2.900	234.000	8,310	7.000	16.100	0.300	44.800	0,232	1.780	0.057	1.400	2.910	38.289	0.030	0.117	1.320	68.600	81,000	0.016
	Min 115.400	54.100	55.800	11.500	522.000	26.800	6.300	0.600	190.000	7.930	5.240	12.900	0.065	28.700	0.088	0.160	0.015	0.850	1.020	17.813	0.002	0.043	0.220	54.520	14.600	0.004
Station BR2	STD 5.972																									
Ö	Mean 128.033	59.467	62.800	16.083	567.833	29.933	6.658	1.358	207.167	8.082	5.693	14.258	0.170	34.017	0,130	0.803	0.033	1.045	1.848	25.614	0.011	0.073	0.750	61.048	37.383	0.009
	Max 139.000	66.800	65.400	20.500	590.000	33.600	8.300	1.100	228.000	8.260	5.920	14.900	0.440	42.400	0.384	1.430	0.046	1.330	2.700	64.194	0.013	0.075	1.200	65.400	33.000	0.023
	Min 111.900	53.400	57.800	11.500	540.000	26.200	000.9	0.250	189.000	7.770	5.160	13.300	0.035	31.200	0.046	0.155	0.021	0.890	1,190	33.056	0.001	0.028	0.300	54.340	7.400	900:0
	STD 7.870																									
1989 Station BR1	Mean 126.742	58.725	61.592	14.375	559.167	29.550	6.550	0.629	203.750	8.083	5.453	13.892	0.172	33.417	0.170	0.810	0.028	1.005	1.815	44.984	0.005	0.041	0.783	59.596	17.475	600.0
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Appendix E: Ice free season data summary from grab samples collected from the Welland River inflow to Binbrook Reservoir during 1988 and 1989.

BR3 1988

Max 216.200 87.100 100.000 49.500	48.000 12.200 5.800 306.000	8.380 8.510 24.700 0.420 66.500	0.486 1.900 0.059 3.750 4.265 75.789	0.145 0.487 4.440 116.620 158.000 0.021
Min 135,200 54,900 33,700 0.500	31.200 6.000 1.300 186.000	7.920 4.220 11.200 0.110	0.024 0.020 0.012 0.730 0.910 6.103	0.003 0.038 0.240 42.120 2.400 0.006
27.859 11.189 27.974 12.074	5.687 1.831 1.121 44.599	0.133 1.219 4.461 0.077	0.142 0.491 0.011 0.767 0.877	0.037 0.108 1.292 22.469 38.017 0.004
Mean 175.217 72.058 68.033 30.583	39.950 9.117 2.883 252.917	6.134 5.618 17.725 0.303 37.233	0.174 0.340 0.032 1.571 1.911	0.056 0.196 1.460 60.666 78.033 0.011
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Max 231.800 91.200 127.000 43.500	52.000 15.000 7.200 349.000	8.410 7.270 30.000 0.580 63.500	0.554 3.020 0.199 2.600 5.620	0.175 0.395 3.640 93.000 200.000 0.018
Min 109.500 57.400 33.900 19.000	24.800 7.100 2.000 202.000	7,840 2.980 14.100 0.260 22.300	0.004 0.020 0.006 1.120 1.140 5.773	0.014 0.165 0.260 70.900 50.000 0.000
33.812 9.709 22.227 6.619	7.591 2.393 1.445 39.622	0.153 1.284 3.969 0.107	0.168 0.892 0.057 0.509 1.233 2.980	0.042 0.072 0.992 6.975 38.911 0.005
Mean 193.173 77.940 84.170 26.750	43.280 10.870 3.673 285.900	8.182 5.179 22.080 0.433 45.500	0.163 0.347 0.043 1.841 2.188 7.860	0.062 0.272 1.438 82.606 98.900 0.010
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Appendix F: Selected key raw water quality data from the euphotic zones of Station

BR1 and BR2, and the Welland River inflow collected during the study period

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		BR1 and BR	R2, and the	Welland I	River inflow	collected	during the	study per	iod.					
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DATE	SECCHI	CHLRAT		ONDUCT	DIC	Fe	Si	Mn N	H3 N	NO3+NO2	NO2	SRP	TP 1	TURBIDITY
88-04-22	0.45		39.5	445	24.4	1.1	0.6	0.058	0.07	0.995	0.019	0.014	0.086	25
88-05-08	0.3	20	42.3	455	25.2	3.7	0.44	0.068	0.036	0.945	0.016	0.0085	0.071	31
88-05-20	0.25	6.2	44.3	469	25.6	1.9	0.44	0.068	0.11	0.87	0.028	0.0135	0.072	43
88-06-03	1	2.5	45	470	27.2	0.52	0.3	0.041	0.094	0.795	0.019	0.005	0.03	12.3
88-06-17	0.5			490		0.69		0.043						
88-06-30	0.4	. 17	47.1	507	25	1.1	0.14	0.063	0.056	0.655	0.047	0.0085	0.052	31
88-07-12	0.6		48.9	508	29	0.39	0.1	0.044	0.03	0.465	0.031	0.0035	0.029	11
88-07-28	0.6		47.5	489	27.2	0.5	0.32	0.058	0.058	0.365	0.032	0.005	0.028	3.8
88-08-08	0.75		47.1	483	25.6	0.39	0.3	0.034	0.102	0.185	0.021	0.0035	0.025	12.1
88-08-25	0,5		47.4	491	28.6	0.43	0.42	0.15	0.148	0.035	0.01	0.0025	0.035	12.5
88-09-09	0.5	16	47	490	28.4	0.6	0.62	0.1	0.132	0.045	0.022	0.003	0.039	18.7
89-04-20	0.7	8	58.7	539	26.4	0.51	1.2	0.087	0.084	1.28	0.021	0.0045	0.07	
89-05-03	0.2		61.3	549	26.6	0.97	1.06	0.069	0.084	1.42	0.021	0.0045	0.07	17.5
89-05-18	0.8	5.7	62	558	26.6	0.55	1.04	0.025	0.05	1.37	0.025	0.0075	0.065	11.7
89-05-31	0.5	3.8	63.2	569	27.2	0.61	0.9	0.035	0.048	1.25	0.025	0.0075	0.038	14.5
89-06-15	0.3	3.8	64.1	580	29.6	0.55	0.92	0.066	0.124	1.1	0.023	0.0045	0.035	17.6
89-06-28	0.6	1.9	84	554	29.2	0.24	0.84	0.028	0.03	0.985	0.03	0.0015	0.024	7.3
89-07-12	0.55	4.9	67.2	588	30	0.41	0.66	0.047	0.032	0.795	0.024	0.0055	0.029	13.2
89-07-26	0.5	4.4	66.3	583	29.2	0.4	0.56	0.036	0.032	0.475	0.023	0.0015	0.027	14.6
89-08-11	1.7	6	59.9	542	28.8	0.18	0.36	0.092	0.196	0.41	0.027	0.004	0.046	4.3
89-08-24	0.8	8.2	58.3	537	30	0.34	0.42	0.079	0.106	0.325	0.024	0.0015	0.03	
89-09-11	0.7	11.8	58.5	540	30.8	0.28	0.2	0.053	0.112	0.21	0.017	0.0025	0.036	
89-09-18	0.3	8.4	57.7	541	30	0.64	0.3	0.13	0.14	0.19	0.021	0.0025	0.039	
DATE	SECCHI	CHLRAT		ONDUCT	DIC	Fe	Si	Mn N	нз м	103+NO2	NO2	SRP	TP 1	T IDDIDITY
88-04-22	0.4	19	45.4	473	25.6	1.4	0.56	0.073	0.102	1.02	0.02	0.015	0.079	URBIDITY 29
88-05-06	0.2	14	45.6	474	26	2.4	0.48	0.11	0.102	0.95	0.023	0.015	0.14	58
88-05-20	0.25	11	46.8	483	26	2.1	0.46	0.075	0.134	0.86	0.029	0.026	0.14	44
88-06-03	0.5	3.4	46.1	488	27.8	1.6	0.36	0.088	0.096	0.74	0.024	0.018	0.077	38
88-06-17	0.5	8	46.6	498	28.2	0.75	0.4	0.058	0.052	0.67	0.026	0.006	0.045	17.5
88-06-30	0.25	23	48.1	509	29.4	1.8	. 0.08	0.096	0.056	0.55	0.038	0.015	0.074	43
88-07-12	0.75		48.9	511	29	0.35	0.08	0.047	0.034	0.4	0.029	0.0025	0.027	7.4
88-07-28	0.4	20	47.3	484	26.4	0.63	0.48	0.11	0.056	0.39	0.031	0.0055	0.043	4.4
88-08-08	0.6	21	46.6	480	25.8	0.45	0.3	0.11	0.102	0.12	0.019	0.004	0.026	6.3
88-08-25	0.2	19	48	492	28	1.8	0.62	0.13	0.062	0.02	0.011	0.013	0.098	45
88-09-09	0.25	21	47.2	490	28	1.7	0.78	0.15	0.122	0.055	0.032	0.0155	0.083	48
89-04-20	0.5	12.2	63.6	568	26.8	0.9	1.32	0.1	0.09	1.88	0.029	0.0085	0.07	
89-05-03	0.4	9.7	66.8	571	27.4	2.5	1.08	0.11	0.09	1.51	0.029	0.032	0.07	9.4
89-05-18	0.5	8.6	66.5	592	28.6	0.64	1.16	0.033	0.148	1.21	0.035	0.032	0.073	14.1
89-05-31	0.55	9.9	64.8	589	29	1	1.06	0.093	0.064	1.11	0.031	0.009	0.053	19.5
89-06-15	0.25	6.2	65.1	587	30.2	0.71	0.98	0.1	0.13	1.03	0.042	0.01	0.057	25
89-06-28	1.2	1.7	64.6	559	30.4	0.16	0.84	0.041	0.08	0.965	0.031	0.0015	0.034	4.5
89-07-12	0.8	20.7	66.2	593	30.8	0.27	0.5	. 0,1	0.072	0.635	0.027	0.0025	0.032	6.6
89-07-26	. 1	8.1	66	579	28.8	0.23	0.48	0.063	0.042	0.37	0.024	0.0005	0.027	7.7
89-08-11	1	8.2	56.9	528	28.2	0.38	0.34	0.077	0.188	0.435	0.034	0.008	0.061	9.1
89-08-24	0.25	27.4	58.1	534	30	1.2	0.3	0.15	0.084	0.285	0.029	0.008	0.06	24
89-09-11	0.5	12.7	58.1	540	31	0.5	0.24	0.13	0.09	0.155	0.017	0.005	0.049	11.4
89-09-18	0.3	16.1	57.3	538	30	0.96	0.34	0.13	0.114	0.165	0.019	0.004	0.067	25
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DATE		CONDUCT	DIC	Fe	Si	Mn NH		O3+NO2	NO5	SRP		URBIDITY		
88-04-22	75.1	717	44	2.6	0.26	0.32	0.082	0.045	0.011	0.028	0.173	77		
88-05-06	89.8	798	48	3.7	0.52	0.4	0.008	0.02	0.006	0.0135	0.22	78		
88-05-20	90.9	785	44.6	2.3	0.78	0.49	0.11	0.02	0.007	0.024	0.185	50		
88-06-03 88-06-17	84.4 91.9	749 786	44 :	3.4	0.76	0.49	0.104	0.02	0.018	0.0695	0.255	79		
88-06-30	98	846	51	2.1 4.7	1.26	0.26	0.152	0.035	0.019	0.069	0.3	95 112		
88-07-12	127	889	52	4.7	2.36	0.57	0.024			0.058	0.333			
68-07-28	33.9	504	24.8	7.2	3.64	0.58	0.004	3.02	0.025	0.175	0.395	125		
88-08-08	72.8	709	38	3.6	1.98	0.53	0.554	0.17	0.086	0.0635	0.305	91		
88-08-25	72.0	728	~	4.3	1.00	0.53	0.507	0.17	0.000	0.0000	0.000	91		
88-09-09	77.9	711	38.4	2	0.82	0.33	0.374	0.09	0.037	0.06	0.225	82		
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89-04-20	100	805	39.6	1.3	0.24	0.11	0.024	0.315	0.012	0.0125	0.07	35		
89-05-03	92.6	762	39	4.1.	0.6	0.32	0.068	0.215	0.023	0.029	0.175	112		
89-05-18	78.7	743	45.8	3.2	1.14	0.23	0.048	0.375	0.044	0.0355	0.165	. 72		
89-05-31	39.5	638	34.4	1.8	0.28	0.3	0.034	1.9	0.039	0.0025	0.038	2.4		
89-06-15	90.5	759	46	2	1.78	0.32	0.402	0.095	0.031	0.073	0.208	58		

